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FOURTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

REMARKS

The following documents were cited in a Japanese Office Action of a foreign counterpart application (Japanese Patent Application No. 11-007035) corresponding to U.S. Patent No. 6,377,309, which is also cited herein:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,699,472;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,535,530 B1;
- (3) Alexander Erk, CustomTV Service and System Requirements;

- (4) JP 8-149466;
- (5) JP 8-241068;
- (6) JP 8-256322;
- (7) JP 11-98193;
- (8) JP 6-225219;
- (9) JP 7-203433; and
- (10) JP 6-98290.

English-language Abstracts for each cited Japanese document are also enclosed.

Applicants respectfully note that Document (2) was cited in the July 8, 2004 Form PTO-892, and therefore is not listed on the Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully submit that JP 8-256322 and JP 11-98193 correspond to U.S. Patent Nos. 5,699,472 and 6,535,530 B1, respectively. Also enclosed is a partial English translation of JP 8-241068. The Japanese Office Action is dated March 1, 2005. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is enclosed.

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No fee is believed due; however, any fee required in connection with this paper should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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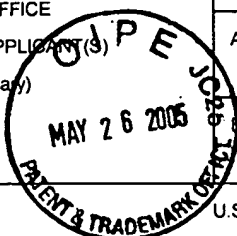
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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8-149466	06/07/1996	Japan			Abstract
8-241068	09/17/1996	Japan			Partial & Abstract
8-256322	10/01/1996	Japan			Abstract
11-98193	04/09/1999	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		Alexander Erk, CustomTV Service and System Requirements, ACTS Project AC360, CUSTOMTV Vol. AC360, pp. 1-42 (Dec. 8, 1998)

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